Manufacture of colour Picture tubes by APEDC

3160. SHRl T. CHANDRA-SEKHAR REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are schemes for the manufacture of colour picture tubes by Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation in collaboration with M/s. Philips of Holland ;

(b) if so, details of the same and whether the necessary sanctions have been accoided to the schemes ;

(c) whether the Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation has applied for enhancement of capacity of production in respect of the above than originally contemplated;

(d) if so, whether any decisions have been taken in regard to "b" and "c" above; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTEk OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (e) M/s. Andnra Pradesh Electronics Development Corpora-lion have submitted a Composite proposal for enhancement of capacity of their Letter of Intent from 0.5 million nos. per annum to 1 million nos. per annum and foreign olU-boration with M/s. Phillips, Holland for the manufacture of Colour Picture Tubes. The proposal has not been accepted.

Pay Scales of Pharmacists

3162. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAYJOSHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government agreed and recommended in 1974 and 1986 to grantthepayscales to Pharmacists at par with Diploma holders in other disciplines ;

(b) if so, whit are th? details of recommendations and action taken to implement th? recommendations;

(c) whether Government had a meeting with the representatives of the Joint Council of Pharmacists on the 4th September,1986 to discuss on the discrimination in pay scales and promotional avenues for Pharmacists ; and

(d) if so; the details of the demands agreed to and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (d) A deputation of Joint Council of Pharmacists met the Minister of State for Health and F. W. on 4th September, 1986 and submitted a memorandum contai ing their demands. The position regarding demands is as follows :—

Demands	Actiou taken
(i) Parity in pay scales to Pharmacists at par with Diploma holders in other disciplines.	(i) The demand of the Pharmacists to grant the pay acale at par with diploma holders in other disciplines were considered in consultation with Ministry of Finance. As the pay scales of other diploma holders in nursing, electtical, electronics and civil engineering etc. were already higher than that of Pharmacists, a view